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Ms. Katherine Westine
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Dear Ms. Westine:

Governor Pete Wilson has asked me to respond to your recent letter concerning the CALFED Bay-Delta Program. As you may know, the mission of the CALFED Program is to develop a long-term comprehensive plan that will restore ecological health and improve water management for beneficial uses of the Bay-Delta system. This is the largest ecosystem restoration program attempted in the United States. To date, over \$100 million in ecosystem restoration projects have been funded in the Bay-Delta watershed.

CALFED has four resource area goals: water supply reliability, ecosystem restoration, water quality and levee protection. An isolated facility - known for many years as a peripheral canal - is one of many options considered by the CALFED Program to achieve improvement in these four resource areas.

CALFED has six programs that will be aggressively implemented as part of any chosen solution to Bay-Delta system problems: Water Use Efficiency, Water Quality, Levee System Integrity, Watershed Management, Ecosystem Restoration, and Water Transfers. The current working strategy regarding an isolated facility is to first utilize existing Delta channels while implementing the common programs. If this strategy does not meet CALFED goals for improvements in the system and there remains a public health risk and/or fish recovery is not being achieved, then an isolated facility would be constructed.

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Water conservation for urban and agricultural water users is an important part of the CALFED Program - managing the existing water supply in an efficient and cost-effective manner before looking for new sources of water.

The CALFED Program will release a revised draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report and supporting documents at the end of this year. I encourage you to review these documents and share your comments with the CALFED Program. Your input and concern is important to finding a successful solution to the problems in the Bay-Delta system.

Thank you for writing and letting us know your concerns. For further information, you may contact Valerie Holcomb, Public Affairs Director for the CALFED Bay-Delta Program, at (916) 657-2666.

Sincerely,



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Same letter sent to addressees on attached list.

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